

T H E
Mystery of Curing
Comprehensively.

Explained and Confirm'd, by Exemplar of
The Catholic Medicine.

Powerfully Impregnated, and accuratly Formed;
to Assist the *Regent* Principle, Disabled, or
Impeded in *Vital* Government.

Enabled hereby; more *Vigorously*, and *constantly* to Execute; the
Functions and daily *Operations*; necessary to *Healib*, and *Life*.

For *Support* of *Human* Bodyes, variously Declining; and *Recovery*
out of a Diseased State.

The most *useful*, *efficacious*, and *comprehensive* Expedient; (*Preventive* and
Chrative) against the painful *Diseases*, and *Decays*
of Human Nature.

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FIRST, give me leave to Premise this necessary *Information*, That the *Primitive* Professors, and *Fathers* of Medical Science; were all diligent *Preparers* of their own *Medicines*: And their *Successors* likewise for many *Hundred Years* after, continued *Industrious* in that *Work*; many urgent Reasons requiring that most necessary *Duty*; which I forbear to recite: waving also the great *Imprudence*, in exposing *Patients* to *Hazards*; by revolting from that secure, knowing, and most hopeful Practice.

Physicians then of the greatest *Repute*; were ambitious of acquiring, some *Medicine extraordinary*; most useful and advantagious to the *Publick*; and it was their *Glory* accounted; to have their *Names* Celebrated thereby; as *Promoters* of a general good. But of latter times, the Learned making an unhappy *Defection*; and changing that laudable Custom, for the vanity of *Pen Practice*: Illiterate bold *Quacks* have stepped in, and personating the *Physician*; have imposed their *Cheats*, and *Trifles* upon unwary People; which hath brought a *Scandal* upon publishing any thing of this kind; and thereby barr'd the *Publick* from the benefit of *Successful Labours*, of some Learned and most Ingenious *Artists*.

Thus much to obviate the *Censure* of undiscerning weak Heads; and stop the mouths of *malevolent* men, of opposite *Interests*. I proceed now to the matter proposed, and satisfaction promised.

That a *single Medicine* may be endowed with a *Power of Universality*; properly and efficaciously to oppose many and various *Diseases*, in divers *Persons*, is what I have undertaken to prove: The *Possibility*; and rational *Probability* whereof, will fairly appear; if you rightly understand as followeth.

I am now going out of the common beaten *Road* of Physick; and the vulgar *Methods* of Physicians; into unknown *Paths*, but leading a nearer and safer way: you must not therefore expect my *Discourse* to comport with the common *Notions*, and *Opinions* of Writers; yet consistent with *Reason*, and justifiable thereby; confirmed also by matters of *Fact*.

For your clearer Apprehension, I have digested the *Discourse* methodically into three *Parts*: wherein three things presents principally to be considered.

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The *Agent*; the *Work*; and the *Instrument*!

The *First Part* sets forth the Capacity of the *Agent*.

The *Second*, contains the *Difficulty*, and *Facility* of the *Work*.

The *Third*, shews the *Hability*, or *Fitness* of the *Instrument*.

The First Part.

THE Capacity, Power, and Dexterity of this *Agent*, (the vital *Principle*) eminently appears: *First*, in the wonderful *Draught*, and *Portraiture* of *Formation*.

Secondly, in the daily course of *Conservation*.

Thirdly, in the *Exigencies*, and *Attempts* of *Curation*.

In the *first* Performance of this *Plastic* and *Architectonic* Principle, take notice; that simple *Spermatic* Humour, was the *single* matter out of which, and of which only, the *Stamina* or rudiments of the Stately *Fabrick* of Human Body, was formed and framed, with different *Spermatick* Parts; *Bones*, *Cartilages*, *Ligaments*, *Tendons*, *Membranes*, *Fibres*, &c. From thence proceeding to *Organize*, and compleat this wonderful *Machine*.

The *Second*, and continual *Operation* of this governing vital Spirit; is maintaining and supplying, the many different Parts of Human Body, with various suitable Liquors, derived from a *simple* alimentary Juice, wrought in the Stomach, called *Chyle*.

The third Performance of this diligent, and dextrous *Operator*; is repairing, mending, and reducing into order, this *Workmanship*; when decaying, or discomposed: By the *Instrumental* means of *Medicine*.

The *first*, and *second* Operations of this *Agent* are wonderful; in producing such various strange effects, out of *single* and *simple* matter, as *Sperm* and *Chyle*; by a transmuting and transubstantiating Power.

Now to make some Remarks from hence; and reduce these considerables to our *Purpose*.

Here is the wonder of *Fabrication*.

And the daily wonder of *Nutrition*, and *Conservation*; by *single* matter.

Then why not the wonder of *Curation* and *Reparation* by *single* Medicine? which *last* Operation is not so wonderful, as the two former; when I come to shew you the rational *Possibility*, and fair *Probability* thereof; by comparing the *Efficient*, and the *Instrument*; with the *Work* to be done.

The *first*, and *second* Performance of this great *Architect*, and *Conservator*; no

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Reason can demonstrate or explain: yet *Fact* proves them both, and undeniably are confest by all.

Why then is the third Performance so incredible, and difficult to be admitted; that may be comprehended by our *Reason*? as the sequel of the Discourse will make manifest.

This curious *Architect* that built the *Fabrick* of Human Body; and formed all the various materials thereof by *Transmutation* of single matter, with no *Instrument*: can probably, and with facility; repair and mend this Workmanship, when out of Order; with one *exquisite* Instrument, egregiously contrived for *Catholic* use.

This vital *Principle* (called *Nature* sometimes) is a *Catholic* free *Agent*; daily performing various offices, and contrary motions in Human Body; yet all conspiring harmoniously, for the use, and welfare of vital Government.

This Governour and Supporter of the *Microcosme*; operates *universally*, *variously*, and *contrarily*: yet consentaneously, usefully, and necessarily. *Binds* and *loosens*; *opens*, and *shuts*; *moves upward*, and *downward*; *liquifies*, and *coagulates*, *rarefies* and *condenseth*; *transmits*, and *retains*; *transmutes*, and *transubstantiates*, alimentary Matter into various forms, and Substances.

And all these *different*, and *contrary* Actions; are performed (*efficienter*) by the vital, ruling *Principle*: (*materialiter*;) with a single alimentary Juice, digested in the Stomach, to supply, and enable every Part of the Body; differing in *Organization*, *Temperature*, *Texture*, and *Office*, to execute their various Functions.

If this supreme *Agent*, can perform *various* and *contrary* Actions with single Alimēt: Then probably that same power may cure *various*, and *contrary* Diseases, with single Medicament.

Can the Vital transmuting Spirit, of *Bread* and *Water*; make *Chyle*, *Blood*, *Nervous Juice*, *Sperme*, and *Milk*; various Liquors for divers uses, of the same alimental matter?

Can this transubstantiating *Principle*, make *Blood* here, *Flesh* there, and *Bones* in another place, of the same Food?

If this *vital* Spirit can maintain and feed, all the *different* Parts of the Body with one alimentary Juice, *Chyle*: Then probably, and very reasonably, it may *mend* and *Cure*, all those Parts with one Medicine.

If *Nature* can do wonders with single Alimēt; very likely she can do wonders with single Medicament.

'Tis undeniable that *Wonders* are wrought in Man's Body every Day, tho in *Health*: But you are hard to believe that *Wonders* may be wrought by a *Medicine* in Sickness, or a diseased State. And yet these *Wonders* will not seem so great; when I come to set forth the *Nature*, and *Qualifications* of a *Catholic Medicine*; and the Reasons of its Comprehension, and Adaptness for Curing many and various Diseases.

As *Nature* (the Life) doth distribute Alimēt from the Stomach to all Parts of the Body; She can as easily convey (*Materialiter vel Virtualiter*) a *Catholic Instrument*, into all Parts, to set them right.

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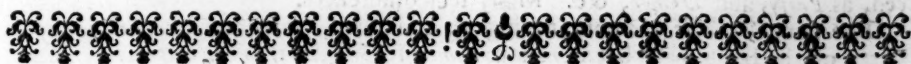
And this you must believe; that no *Medicine* directs or moves it self here or there in the Body; but *Nature* disposeth of it, to this *Part*, or that, as she stands in need; conveying both *Nutrimēt*, and *Medicament* at her Pleasure; at least to her Power; and there is no Power else.

This vital *Principle*, is a dextrous and industrious *Agent*; that can doe wonderfully for relief; if the *Physitian* (*Minister Nature*) can provide such a Medical Instrument, as is comodious for management; and generally useful.

Mechanic or manual *Artists*, that work externally upon their subject (*Circa quod*) have need of many *Materials* and *Implements*, to effect what they design, and are about: But the vital *Principle* is Seated more advantagiously; hath its Residence in every part of the Body, operating internally all the *Functions*; and therefore stands not in need of such variety of *Instruments* to work with.

You may understand from hence; the *possibility* to be very fair and reasonable on *Nature's* Side; that she can manage a *Catholic Medicine* very well, to serve all the operations and intentions of *Curing*; is willing to recieve, and ready to operate with such an *Expedient*: But the *possibility* of contriving and forming this *Catholic Instrument*, lyes not so easy and probable on the *Physitian's* part: It is not to be done by guess, with *Pen* and *Ink*, upon a peice of *Paper*, in the prescribing Mode.

Thus much shall suffice, to shew the Promptness, Energy, and Industry of the *Efficient* or vital *Agent*; in complying and operating with a *Catholic Medicine*. I pass on to the next *Stage*; to set forth the difficulty of the Work to be done; and *probability* of performing it.



The Second Part.

HERE presents to me a prodigious Company of *Diseases*; of different *kinds*; and seated in various *Parts* of the Body, preying upon the *Life* of Man; if not subdued, or prevented by powerful means: So many, and so variously assaulting; that in your Reason may well require a vast number of *Medicines* to oppose them: And without such combined force, and ready Assistance, you do believe, it is folly to attempt, and expect Success in the undertaking of so great a work.

To remove this *Difficulty*, and seeming *Impossibility* that lyes in our way; and to render a *Catholic Medicine* sufficient and a fit *Instrument* to perform *Comprehensively*, against this great Company: I shall make two Strict Inquiries.

First, into the *Number* of *Diseases*: Then *Secondly*, into the *Nature* of them.

As to their *Number*, I find them Fictitiously multiplied; seemingly but such, not really so many; which in another Tract, I have denoted and corrected that Error. (*Inquire into the General Catalogue of Diseases*) where for sufficient Rea-

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sons, I Struck out the first general *Division*, out of that *List*; as not being properly called *Diseases*, but are *Symptoms* only: whereby a great *Abatement* is made and the *Superfluous Number* reduced to fewer by a third Part. I shall not repeat here the warrantable and sufficient motives for so Doing; but refer you thither for Satisfaction.

Secondly; examining the *Nature*, and essential difference of *Diseases*; I find most of them, at least many; not to differ so much in *Nature*, as in *Name*; from *Circumstances* attending them, and making the *Variegation*: Therefore *Diseases*; though very *numerous* as commonly denominated; yet will reasonably, and advantageously admit of a *Reducement*: By Contracting and associating them into Company's of *Affinity*; from their *Humoral* causes, issuing from one and the same Fountain: And then, *Diseases* will not require such variety of peculiar appropriated *Medicines*; nor such distinct *Methods* of Cure, as commonly is now Practised, and appointed by *Authors*.

Diseases are *unnecessarily*, and *extravagantly* multiplyed by *Denomination*: But they are not a quarter so many in their *Radication*: For, although *Diseases* are made thus *numerous* and different by their *Names*; yet they have great *Alliance*, and are near of *Kin*, by their *Origin*, in their Causes of *Production*, and *Continuation*.

Circumstances attending *Diseases*, do often give, or are the occasion of different *Names*: From different Parts affected, as *Pleurisy*; From the manner of *Invasion*, as *Epilepsy*. *Apoplexy*; From their Continuation, and Intermissions: As *Feavers*. From the manner of afflicting; as *Convulsions*. From *Functions* abolish'd, or depraved, as *Palsy*, and *Tremor*, &c. Many such differences.

The same *Morbific* Humour, roving up and down; *infesting* and *afflicting* divers Parts of the Body, hath begot various *nominal* *Diseases*: *Rheumatism*, *Gout*, *Colic*, *Iliac Passion*, *Stitches*, *Cramps*, *Convulsions*, *Fluxes*, *Inflammations*, *Apotheims*, &c.

The same *Humoral* matter that now makes the *Gout*; at another time produceth the *Colic*; some times a *Flux*; another time the *Head Ach*, or *Tooth Ach*, or something else. And thus it happens in one single Person.

So likewise in divers Persons; the same *Morbific* Humor (*in specie*) in kind, does make *various* *Diseases*, and different *Symptomatical* appearances, according to the difference of *Parts*, in situation and office; that this *peccant* matter shall molest and deprave.

Thus producing *Several* *Diseases*, from the same *Humoral* Cause; but seemingly to *vulgar* understandings so distinct, as having no relation to each other: yet all these being bred, and fed from one degenerate matter, will admit of one and the same Cure, by a true radical *Catholic* Medicine, which applying to the *Spring* and *Rise* of all these; does fitly perform the Cure of those many *Diseases*; having their *Causation* and dependance from one *Original*.

So that *Multiplicity* of *Diseases* in *Appearance*, does not necessarily require, *Multiplicity* of *Medicines*, and *methods*; as some undiscerning Heads may think; being directed by various *Names* given to *Diseases*, from Parts affected, and *Functions* depraved, or other *Circumstances* attending.

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From hence you may Judge; that *various Names*, do not alwaies make such *various Diseases*; not so different, and distinct in their *Causes*, as Commonly represented, and Supposed to be. They are *many*, if you Judge of them by their Spreading *Ramifications*; but they are *few* (*comparative*) in their *Radication*.

And now you may plainly understand, this new *Method* of Curing *Comprehensively* by a *Catholic Medicine*; to be rational, and probable to effect what many Diseased People may desire; and their various Complaints answered, by an *Extraordinary* single Medicine.

Morbi multis unico Remedio curantur; Cujuslibet enim Membri plaga, non habet peculiarem semper Causam; sed ab uno eodemque, exiguo licet semine, plures surgunt affectus. Says a good Author. But most People must have a *different Medicine*, for every complaint that they have a *Name* for; else they think it not possible to cure them, and ridiculous to attempt it.

Medicine is not to be appropriated to *Names*; and to vary, as *Names* are varied; but to the *Nature* and Condition of Diseases, in their *Causes*: many of them being of the same kind, may be link'd together under one *Denomination*; and will admit of the same *Medicine*, and *Method* of Curing.

Hereby the Practice of Physick, will not be so *extravagantly* large; but reduced into a much *lesser* compass, and easily comprehensible: The *Intentions* of curing but *few*; and the *Number* of *Medicines* not many: *Success* therein more *hopeful*; with the *Charge*, and trouble more easy to *Patients*, in their courses of Physick.

Nominal multiplicity of Diseases, have amused the People; puzzled young *Practisers* to adapt Medicines differently to each: And the *elder* sort, I doubt, are sometimes *mised* thereby.

Diversity of Diseases by *Names* only, or chiefly have begot *Diversity* of *Methods*; and *Diversity* of *Medicines*: The which have created much Business; employed more *Hands*; and consumed more *Drugs* than was necessary.

To illustrate and prove what hath been said; I shall give you some Examples. Take a *Hundred* Sick or Diseased Persons; examine them where their several Complaints do lye; what *Parts* are affected or grieved: Some complain of their *Head*; others their *Breast*, or *Lungs*: Some of the *Stomach*; others about the Region of the *Liver*; many of the *Spleen*; some the *Guts*; others the *Limbs*, &c.

And for all these several Parts complaining; your Physician will give you various *Names* to distinguish them by; and peculiar *Medicines*, and different *Methods* of Curing: as in practical Authors, you may find such like forms of Medicines, and Methods.

Then Inquire of the same *Authors*, and see what Judgment they pass, as touching the *Causes* of all those Diseases, *differently* seated, and *variously* named: And you will find, that depraved *Humours*, and *Obstructions*; are the general, and principal *Causes* assigned, for all those Diseases; though commonly reputed, as different in their *Nature*, as they are in their *Names*: From which mistake, or Delusion intended, the Recipe's have superabounded.

If so, as true it is; then what shall hinder the *Catholic Medicine*, from being a proper and fit *Instrument*, to unbar and unbolt all these *Obstructions*; and cleanse away

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away all such *degenerate* and depraved *Humors*, in this or that *Part* wherever they be? Then this *Catholic Expedient* stands as fair, and probable to cure a *Hundred*, or a *Thousand* thus variously complaining; as the *Hundreds*, and *Thousands* of Medicines, designed by *appropriation*, to every particular Person.

And farther I must add: That this often tried, and long proved *Medicine*; in many such difficult and different cases, with laudable Operation, and Success: must needs be more hopeful, than appropriated Medicines to every ones particular case, that never was tried before; but every Sick or Diseased Person, must make the *Experiment*, of their new invented Medicines.

People being thus greatly mistaken; yet think themselves very wise and wary, and well provided for; when they have purchased some conjectural appropriated *Recipes*, devised for their particular case; which particularity lies chiefly in Name; and not much different from the Diseases of other Persons. But for your further satisfaction in this point; as to the certainty and worth of Catholic and Appropriated Medicines; I refer you to another Tract (*The Practice of Physick Reformed*) which Informs you fully.

To Answer the *Nominal* and unnecessary *multiplicity* of Diseases; there are *Thousands* of Medicines invented, and daily more are inventing. And for this purpose, we fetch in all the Venemous Weeds, Shrubs, and Minerals out of Foreign Countrys, to make *variety* of uncouth and unlucky Medicines; which you must think to be proper, for the many several Diseases variously denominated; and peculiar for divers Persons differently affected.

So that after tis *Rate*, of *appropriating* Medicines to *Diseases*; and to *Individual* Persons; *Millions* of Medicines, (for *Millions* of People) will be but sufficient to supply the Practice of Physick, after this unreasonable Mode.

And here I might upbraid and laugh at the World for their Folly; having lost their understanding in this matter; and being imposed upon beyond all Reason. But Ple wave the Subject at this time; hoping to see (*tandem aliquando*) some *Champion* come forth; in *Defence* of this beloved Practice, so much do ed upon.

By what hath been said, you may plainly perceive; that the great work of curing, many and divers Diseases (such as are Curable; and Persons rightly endeavouring to be cured) lyes fair and probable to be effected, by the *Catholic Medicine*: The superfluous *Number* of Diseases being reduced; and the *Nature* of them being explained.

The *Vital Catholic Agent* (called *Nature*) having a true *Catholic Instrument* to act with; operates universally and powerfully against a *Multitude* of Diseases: Performs the work of Curing, more readily and safely, with an amicable, well tried, *extraordinary* Medicament; by a Physician's Industry, and *long* labour, compleated under his eye; than with a *Number* of Compositions conjecturally devised: Prescripts transmitted to the Shops, to be made at a venture; who then can tell, what they may prove?



The Third Part.

IN the *First Part* ; having set forth the *Power*, and wonderful *Operations* of the *Agent*, or *Efficient*.

In the *Second Part* ; the *Difficulty*, and seeming *Impossibility* of the work ; made *probable* and likely to be effected.

I come now in the *last Place* ; to lay before you the *Qualifications*, and fitness of the *Instrument*, to apply exquisitely in this undertaking.

The *Catholic Medicine* eminently declares its *Universality* ; and properly bears that *Title*, in these *two* *Respects*.

First, as having a general *Amity* with *Mankind* ; being most agreeable with *Human Nature* : Operating friendly, pleasantly, and hopefully with *All* ; disgusting, or disagreeing with *none* : But promoting all the necessary *Operations* ; and aiding all the *Functions*, daily to be performed in *Vital Government*.

Secondly, as having *Enmity* with all the *Diseases*, of *seminal* and *humoral* Production in *Man's Body* : Allways, and in all cases, shewing opposition thereto ; and prosecutes such inbred secret Enemies to *Human Life* ; constantly, and efficaciously.

The *Reasons* why ; and manner how ; appears evidently ; *First*, by these *two* *insignal Properties* ; *Aperitive*, and *Absterfive*, wherewith it is primely endowed : which *two* grand *Virtues*, operating so clearly and fully ; gives *two* such *killing Stroaks*, at the very *Root* of all the *Seminal* and *Humoral Diseases* ; that the *Buds*, *Blossoms*, and *Branches* fed from thence, appearing variously, and in divers *Parts* of the *Body* ; do soon wither, decay and *Dye*.

Aperition, and *Absterfion* ; are the *two principal Operations*, both *preventive* and *curative* ; against a *multitude* of *Diseases* ; if performed by such due means, as is required to do that work, as it ought to be done.

The common reputed *Purgatives* (venenous *Stimulators*) they do open the back *Door* ; they rake and empty the *Body* ; and sometimes alleviation does follow : But what then ? they carry a *String* in the *Tail* ; they leave some ill impressions behind them, that stain and vitiate the *Body*, which lyes breeding for another production ; and in a little time you must *Purge* again for that ; and this is labouring in a *Circle*, and find no end. If you *Purge*, and not *Purify* ; much of your labour is lost.

The *Catholic Medicine* is no such *Deceiver* ; but a *faithful* *Servant*, that keeps sweet and clean all the *Apartments*, *Canals*, and *Offices* in the *Body* : Opens all the *Angust* *Obstructed* *Ductures*, and private *Recesses* ; lets no *Filth* abide in any place

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to annoy, or impede the *Vital Spirit* in diradiating its *Influence*, to all the *Regions* and *Parts* thereof; which will save the daily labour of dressing stinking *Issues*, that many are constrained to, for a discharge of putrid *Humors*. And farther; we may rationally expect from thence; a more *Sound*, and *Healthful* Progeny in the *World*, than these latter Days do produce, from Parents of *degenerate*, and *corrupt* habit of Body.

There can no better *Expedient* in Physick be contrived, to *Preserve* Bodies from *Diseases*; and to Help them out of *Diseases*; than this secure wholsom *Medicine*; that so truly and effectually, performs the two grand offices of *Aperition*, and *Absterition*.

For these two eminent *Virtues*, purely united in one wholsom *Composition*; they always are attended, and adorned with other *Consorts* of great worth; which follow one another inseparably; the one, making way for the other.

Aperition leads foremost; *Absterition* follows, and introduceth *Purity*; this ushers in *Healing*, and *soundness* to come after; then *Roboration* and vital *Vigour*, follows at the heels of these *Præcursors*: And after this manner *Infirm Diseased* Bodys, and *Parts* thereof; are restored to their *Natural* State; and made able to execute their *Functions*; by the strength of this *Chain* of *Virtues*, link'd together in dependency, to produce great effects.

Thus the *Catholic* Medicine assists the *Life*, to perform many and various *Operations*; and rationally it may be expected, that many and various *Diseases* should be corrected, and conquered thereby. And therefore it is not so improbable as some do imagine; that a *single* Medicine, should have so large a *capacity* and *comprehensive* *Power*, to command and subdue, many *different* *Diseases*, in *divers* *Persons*; since it is endowed with such a *complication* of the choicest *Physical* *Virtues*.

The *Vital Principle* being thus disintangled, and freed from obstructing *matter*, and humoral *Impurity*; recovers *Strength* and *Vigour* thereby, and conquers the many various *Diseases*, arising from *Debility*, *laxation* of *Parts*; and *Stimulating* *matter*: which includes a great number of *Diseases*; if by *Name* particularly they were reckoned.

Wherefore it is not so strange; that a *Medicine* should be designed *Catholic*, for curing *divers* and *contrary* *Diseases*; since the same *Causes* (*in specie*) do produce *different* and *contrary* effects in *several* *Persons*, or *Subjects* they operate upon: that which begets *Obstruction*, and *Astriction* in some; produceth *Debility* of *Retention*, and *Laxation* in others. *Quicquid recipitur, recipitur per modum recipientis*: The *Sun* hardens the *Clay*, but softens the *Wax*. This *Radical Instrument* applying to *Causes*, for their removal in all *Bodys*; which being *subverted*; their various effects do vanish also; whether they be *contrary*, or *consimilar*: Which unfolds the *Mystery* of curing *comprehensively*; *Diseases* being the product effects, are *multifarious*; when *causes* producing, are not half so *various*.

Consider also; that the *variety*, or *multiplicity* and *diformity* of *Diseases*; do not proceed so much different and dissimilar, from the *diversity* of *fluxile* humoral, and *degenerate* *Matter*; as from *Structure* and *Fabrication*; from the *Diversity* of *Organs*, and the *Difference* of their *Offices*. Therefore one and the same depraved
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matter, as it perambulates, or lodgeth; infesting several Parts of the Body; does thereby beget Diseases of various Names, differently appearing, and differently molesting: what then shall hinder the Catholic Medicine, from performing its universal Office in Curing?

Now observe who it is that manageth this comprehensive Instrument: The Vital Principle; A Catholic Agent; of ubiquitary Presence, in the Machine of Human Body: That operates variously, and contrarily, at one and the same time, in several places; yet consentaneously for the whole: Opens and Shuts; expels and retains; Liquifies and Coagulates, &c. in the daily Course, and Administration of Government.

Consider also the multifarious Qualifications of this Physical Expedient: Not forcing and compelling; but flexible and gentle, complacent and complying with the Regent Principle; to be conveyed here or there (*materialiter vel virtualiter*) and is made useful, as the Case requires: yielding up such Virtue, as Nature (*Morborum Medicatrix*) stands in need of: In like manner as the same Aliment is converted to various uses; so one Catholic Medicament, is applyed to various purposes. Nature directs, and hands the Medicine here and there; to work what and how she pleaseth.

And now I have proved sufficiently, and explained this Mystery: that Catholic Adaptation, rightly instituted for Diversity of Persons; and Diversity of Diseases; is as rational and proper; as peculiar Appropriation to a single Person: And herein is the safety of the Catholic above the Appropriate; that it is a Tryed, and well proved Medicine with many: But the Appropriated to a single Person and Case; is an uncertain Chance Medicine; because not experimented by any; but conjecturally presumed at a Venture; being designed and formed for the occasion presenting. And yet this is esteemed a safe and learned Invention; for the great and the rich, to trust their Lives with.

Let the World dote on; and the Sham be their Help when they need: Let Ignorance and Error manage their Cures; *sic Populus vult decipi, & decipiatur.*

I need not tell you now all the Diseases by Name; that this Medicine is proper for, and effectual: Sufficient it is, and more satisfactory that I have shewed you how it opposeth the most of them, in their Nature and Causes: whereby you may trust your own Reason, and not my bare assertion. But some sort of People, that know nothing of Diseases, but their Names, will say, you have not told us what Diseases, this Catholic Medicine will Cure.

To gratify the Desire of those weaker understandings, I shall give in a particular Account of many, by their Names commonly so called.

For the Vertigo, Epilepsy, Apoplexy, and Convulsions; a proper effectual Remedy applying to their Causes.

Allays Pains of the Head, or Limbs; Rheumatism and Gout: And is the most secure Anodyne, because it draws off morbid matter; and frees the Body from, acrid, sharp, and corroding Humors.

Corrects and amends ill Digestion of the Stomach; sharpens a blunt Appetite; removes Nauseousness, and fullness.

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For *Asthma's, Coughs, Wheezing and short Breathing*: very prevalent.

Against unwieldy *Corpulency, Dropsys, Scurvy, Jaundice*, inflation of the *Spleen, Hypochondriac Melancholy*, hard and big *Bellies*: approved and applauded herein: Takes away fullness, and foulness of Body; dischargeth gradually, safely, and cleanseth effectually.

A certain *Preventive* against the Production of *Worms* in Human Bodies: By purifying and evacuating *Verminous, putrid* matter of which they are bred. Also the best *curative* Remedy, to kill *Worms* already generated; and to bring them forth. They often being the *cause* of dangerous *Sicknesses*.

Gives speedy ease in the *Colic*, and *Gripes* of the *Guts*. Restrains all violent and contumacious *Fluxes*: The most certain Help above all *Methods, and Medicines* in this Case: For if any *Physical* means, may deserve the Title of *Infallible* against *Gripes and Fluxes*: this *Remedy* may bear that Character. And had this *Medicine* gone over with the *Army* in the late expedition for *Ireland* (as was endeavoured) it had preserved many *Hundred Lives*, that perished miserably, for want thereof: This *single Medicine*, would have done more service; than all the *Medicines* (for *internal* use) that were sent over to supply the *Army*: But private interests, and particular favour, too oft stifles a publick Good.

Epidemical depopulating *Fluxes*, have infested *Armies* in all Countreys; both in their *Camps, and Marches*: (the *Reasons* why, are many; and *Causes* unavoidable) which have so weakened the strength of the surviving; and shrunk their *Number* by *Mortality*; that their present *Designs and Enterprizes* have been checkt and frustrated. The only expedient to be sought for, is a certain *Preservative*, to stop the beginning, and prevent the *Mortality*: which to perform, I do believe, nothing in *Nature and Art* (grounded upon Experience) is equivalent to this *Catholick Arcanum*: And doubtless would readily be accepted, and much esteemed by *Foreign Princes*, (if only for this case) though perhaps may not so much be regarded here at *Home*, as it justly merits: But many *Lives* are lost, by the want of such a *Remedy*.

'Tis the best Help for weak *Backs, Loyns, or Genitals*: for *Strains*, and over-*Reaches*; for *Spermatic* wasting, and *Seminal* issuing: To stay the *Whites* safely, by *cleansing, purifying, and roborating*.

To purge foul *Reins, Ureters, and Bladder*; that send forth strong scented, thick or muddy *Urine*. This purifier, restores the *Parts* to cleanness, and soundness, and corrects the former ill effects.

For *Claps and Venereal Taints*, producing hot and sharp *Urine*, or running of the *Reins*: nothing Cures more certainly and safely; and may be managed with great *Privacy*. This tells no Tales; but smothereth such misfortunes, by speedy ease and Help.

Very useful to promote *external Chirurgical Cures*; by drawing off, and evacuating all humoral offending matter; thereby disposing *Nature* to *Heal*; else *external* applications avail little: But for curing *Wounds, Contusions, Abscesses, Ulcers, &c.* internal; this *Medicine* alone does all the Work; and acts a dexterous *Surgeons* part, in such secret places, where neither his *Eye* can Discern, nor his *Hand* come to Dress you: then this Sovereign *Remedy* is more helpful, and more to be depended

pended on, than all the *Practisers* in Physick and Surgery: And is therefore the most necessary and important *Medicament*, to serve in *Navies*, *Armies* and *Hospitals*; most commodious and ready; easily managed by the meanest Capacities; performing singly and securely; above all the uncertain *Methods*, and multiplicity of *Medicines*, appointed by *Authors*, or used by *Practisers*: *Experto Crede*.

For all sorts of *Fevers*; of various and obscure dependencies; this is the most confiding means to rely on; as radically applying to their several *Causes*, and *Parts* primarily affected. *Fevers* known to the World, but by Name only; therefore blindly and perniciously prosecuted, by *Juleping*, *Blistering*, &c. of fatal consequence to many *Thousands* of Sick People. The *Fleet Fevers*, and *Camp Fevers*; that slays more Men sometimes than the *Enemy*, by such erroneous *Methods*, and injurious means, or insufficient means, which is their best Help. But of this in another Tract. *Ignota Febris*, *Fevers* mistaken, &c.

Sir William Hussy, his Majesties Embassadour to the Port; unfortunately (to the *Confederats* great loss) Dyed at the point of his Negotiating a *Peace*: And the report came, that he dyed of a *Fever*: which is no better Satisfaction to me; than he Dyed of they knew not what: for none dyes of a *Fever*; though few dyes without a *Fever*: *Febris est Symptoma morbi, Solummodo*. *Febrile Heat*, is no Disease; but a *Symptom* dependant thereon. I remark from thence; that his *Help*, and his *Helpers*; were but mean: And if they mistook the *State* of his Case; that it was a *Fever*; and prosecuted upon that *Notion*, (as reported) then there was a great *Minister* lost; and a great *Affair* miscarried thereby. And how many brave Men, have dyed here at *Home*; by the great mistake of *Physicians*, not knowing what a *Fever* is? The Account too great for me to Summ up.

This *Cathartic*, is a proper good *Medicine* for a Disease that hath no Name; and for a Disease that hath a wrong Name: This seeks out, and finds out; (*ductu Naturæ*) when the *Physician* knows not, what the *Matter* is; nor where it is. When he groops in the Dark, and knows not where to aim: This knows the way (by *Nature's* guidance) goes readily, and rightly about the business. This will not be deluded with *Fevers*, (as *Practisers* have been) But finds out their *Dependencies*; and discharged its *virtue* there. If you send this *Medicine* upon a wrong Errand; it will act, not as you intended; but as it ought to be done. *Nature medicatrix* amicably receiving this good Assistance; directs it *hæc* or *where*, (as the Case requires) and the *Given*, hath no more Power of the *Medicine* afterwards.

For various suddain *Hæmorrhages*, Bleedings; issuing from divers parts of the Body: This mitigats, retracts, and evacuates their Stimulating *Causes*.

This is both *Physick* and *Physitian*; and *Surgeon* too, in some Cases; ready and safe Assistance for Travellers by Land or Sea: a great Security to them upon emergent occasions and accidents.

For Country-Inhabitants, that live remote from Physick, and Physitians; This is necessary Provision: The *Physitian* may be long in coming; and after that, *Medicines* may be long in Preparing, and Coming: In the mean time the *Patient* may be wrackt with Pain; half spent, or past Recovery; and then the long look'd for *Physick*, Comes at last.

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The *Old way of Practice*, was the *good way*; when *Physick* and *Physician* liv'd together; and went *abroad* together: but now he is *disarm'd*; and become a *naked, talking Man*; able to do nothing, without the *Help* of a *Pothecary*.

For *Practisers*, that are not *Prescribers*; this *Medicine* will do them great *Service*; and *Credit*, by effecting what the *Common* known *Medicines* cannot do, in *dubious* and *difficult* Cases; which some *ingenious* men have experienced to their *Advantage*; and do make use hereof.

This is a great *Help* to *ancient* People; for making their *lives* more *easy* and *Comfortable*: *Age* commonly being attended with *Infirmities*, that does afflict them: Their *Bodies* being grown *Stale* and *Sour*, producing *Rheums*, *Coughs*, short *Breath*, sharp *Urine*, *Aches*, and other *decays* of *Nature*; against which this *Medicine* will give them much *assistance*, and mitigate their *Complaints*; being the best *expedient* imaginable to *Repair*, and *Mend* old *Bodies*; that they may be *serviceable* a longer time.

Hability and *Soundness* of *Body*; promotes the *Durability*, and *Prolongation* of the *Life*: For if the *vital Spirit* labours under *corporal* impediments, and *unfitness* for use in *Government*; by so much is the *Life* abbreviated in *Duration*.

For *Admirals*, *Generals*, and great *Officers*: For *Embassadors*, *Envoys*, and *Residents*; whose *lives* are of great *importance* to *Princes*, and *publick* *Safety*; upon their *Enterprizes*, and *Negotiations*: This is *Cabiner* *Help*, above all they can procure in *foreign* Country's; or what they can purchase at *Home*, to carry with them, as *Extraordinary* means when they stand in need. There may be a good *Physitian* ready at *Hand*; but so *good* and *secure* a *Medicine*, may be too *farr* off: And then some *suddain* devised *Compositions*; hasty, new made, untryed *Medicins*; must be trusted with the *Patient's* *Life* at a *venture*, and it is all but *venture*: In the *Patient's* good *Fate*, is the greatest *Hope* of *Recovery*. And this is the *general* common *Cafe*, in the new *Mode* of *Prescribing*; The *uncertainties* whereof, I have fully proved elsewhere. *The Practice of Physick Reformed*, &c.

I am not a stranger to *Methods*, or *courses* of *Physick*, and do use them, when the *Patient* will, and can conform thereto: But some are *averse* to *variety* of *Medicines* in a *Method*; others cannot spare *time* to be confined; and some cannot bear the *Charge*: To such this *Expedient* is most *commodious* *Help*; and gives the greatest *liberty* in the use thereof; except great *weakness*, or extremity of *weather*, forbids that freedom.

I Hope no *Person* hath such mean thoughts of me, as to think, I would put a *Sham* upon the world; with the loss of *Reputation* irrecoverably. This *Medicine* begs no *Favour*; and fears no *Frowns*: *stabis examini Cuicunque*. But I will rather think (what I may deserve) that I shall have many *thanks*, and well *wishes* for this *Labour*, from divers *Diseased*, and *Sick* *Persons*; that will find the *Benefit* and great *Advantage*, by this *Health preserving*; and *Health recovering* *Medicine*; as others have happily received before them: Some *eminent* *Cures* whereof; are related in an *Appendix* to *Monarchia Microcosmi*; which I shall not repeat here, but refer you thither for *Satisfaction*.

I have veiued thousands of *Medicines* in *Pharmacopœia's*, practical *Authors*, and *Manuscripts*,

nuscripts, Chymical and Galenic; and took observations upon their failings. But I never met with any *Designment* of that latitude and *Comprehension*; so *Congruously* and *regularly* Composed: so *wholesom, innocent*, and agreeable to *Human Nature*; so *efficacious* and *powerful*, against the various *Radication*s, and *Surprising assaults* of *Diseases*: of such *certainly* and *safety* in *Operation*; so *Commodious* for *use*, ready, and *durable*; as this *Catholic Extrakt*: Not easily and fortunatly found by *Reading*; but by *Designing* and *working*. The perfection whereof, was not the work of a *Day*, nor a *Year*; to prove, and improve this *Medical Instrument*: But *Studious thoughts*, and constant *labour* in various *tryals*, for many *Years* *Prosecution*; hath endowed it with such *Sovereign virtues*, and excelling *Properties*; as justly *Claims Supremacy* in *Physick*: And until *Nature* produceth a new *Materia Medica*; I believe we shall not be *Blest* with a *better Medicine*; and perhaps not so *good*, as this; in all *respects*.

This hopeful, and helpful *Medicine*; puts a stop to the latent, dangerous *Progress* of *Pain*, to *Inflamations*, *Tumors*, *Apostems*, &c. *Internal*: The most frequent *Train* of mortal *Diseases*; which hath brought more to the *Grave* than any *Complication*, or *Commutation* of *Diseases* what ever; because rarely discovered or Sought after, but when too late; by *Dissection* of the *Dead*. Of which more at *large*, I have *Treated*, peculiarly upon this *important Subject*: Shewing the *Causes* of *Inadvertency*; and *fatal Consequents*, of not *discerning* that lurking *Series*.

This *Catholic Expedient* being so necessary, and useful for *Publick Help*; ought not to be confined within a *Private Practice*; which occasions this *Publication*: And may be received from the *Author*, upon *Application*: or from the *Hands* of some other *Persons*, with whom it is intrusted for *conveniency*; with *Instructions* for the use thereof. The *Quantity* Containing about half a *Score Doses*; to give a sufficient, and Satisfactory *Trial* of its *Virtue* in any *contumacious Disease*: And may be Continued, or intermitted, as every one's *Case* shall require; for a longer, or shorter time; as common *Reason* will dictate and inform; from the *Benefit* daily received; and what shall remain to be perfected.

Great is the *Mystery* of *Curing Comprehensively*: And great is the *Expedient* to answer that *Projection*. And greatly to be esteemed, for the *extraordinary Benefits*, accruing to *People*, of all *Conditions*, and *Quality*; that shall have the good *Fortune* to Experience the various *Properties* thereof; adapt for their several *Complaints*, and *Exigencies*. So easy to be managed; so safe, gentle and pleasant in *Operation*; that nothing hitherto, hath performed like it.

If any *Learned Man*; *Physician* or *Other*, will offer *Objections* to any *Truth* herein asserted: The *Author* promiseth an *Argumentative fair Reply* of *Conviction*; by traversing and clearing such *Doubts*, and *Difficulties* that may be Started, out of the Common known *Learning*; to which this *Discourse* is *Foreign*, and *Independent*; being founded upon *Sounder Principles*: That the *World* may be Satisfied of the *Verity*, and *Usefulness*, of this *Work*; for an establishment to *Perpetuity*: Not as a *Remedy* from *Dying*; but as the best of *Physical Means*; for *well*, and *long Living*. Experience and *Tryals* whereof; will silence all *Reasoning* that shall be brought against it.

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